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#### 1. Plans and Situation

1. It is reported that the Arab High Command has not yet been consolidated and that shuffling of personnel is still going on. According to the sub-source Ahmad SHARAFAT, Syrian Minister of Defense, has become the directing influence in the Military Committee of the Arab League, even to the extent of giving orders to Hajj Amin HUMAYRI. Because of SHARAFAT's influence, the erstwhile strong Iraqi influence in military matters is reportedly gradually being decreased, and Syrian influence and Syrian officers being introduced into the Arab Liberation Army. This development is said to have already resulted in tension between the Iraqi and Syrian officers of Arab military units stationed in Palestine. Sub-source states that one of the gains which the Syrians hope to obtain is annexation of southern Palestine down to Haifa Bay.

2. According to the sub-source, Brigadier CLAYTON has been instructed to concentrate on increasing Syrian influence in the Arab Liberation Army. Sub-source states that Iraqi rejection of the treaty with Great Britain has shifted British policy toward Syria in the hope of eventually concluding an alliance with that country.

3. King ABDALLAH on the other hand, according to sub-source, has been somewhat neglected by the British; it is on the initiative of the former that the Anglo-Trans-Jordanian treaty talks are allegedly being resumed. Sub-source states that the British regard ABDALLAH as unable to play a decisive role in Arab affairs at this time, and that this belief is a factor in the British decision to support Syria. This decrease in British support has allegedly influenced ABDALLAH in part toward modifying his previously expressed neutrality in the Jewish-Arab conflict in Palestine. Sub-source sees in ABDALLAH's agreement to the passage of Syrian troops through Trans-Jordan en route to Palestine and in his recent despatch of Abd-al-Qadir Pasha al-JUNDI to the deliberations of the Military Committee of the Arab League evidence of a shift in his policy.

4. The same sub-source report that the MUFTI now regrets having called for all-out assistance from the Arab States, since the latter are increasingly interfering in the affairs of the Palestine Arabs. The MUFTI is said to regret his appeal even more in the view of the aid—far more than anticipated—which the British are giving to the cause of the

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states that the ground for the ban was its reported in the past view of the committee on education. The present school in the yellow area have been told with a view to teaching Jewish children a large number of children who have been told at all times recently arrived in the area has stated that he is sending a suitable opportunity to bring his heavy artillery and his soldiers into action.

20. report on the following and comments in the program. Technical DATA described as an operating program officer and a recipient of JMWAVE, has been presented temporary consider of America (Source states that the previous program that DATA was an "agent in error") instead of being to act to be in control of "group" groups in the "Latin sub-area". In relation to the fact to be "control" tension between the local leaders and the "group" committee itself. Now, although the leader is strongly pro "JMWAVE" the action READING of "JMWAVE" need to have been reported that "JMWAVE" and "JMWAVE" previously of the need "JMWAVE" a long-time recently reported in "JMWAVE".

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From 1938-40, repeatedly one of the most feared and hated leaders in the field went in to have been associated with the task of setting up such standards in his own and with assisting with them eventually. Another important leader in the field went in said to be "liberal" strongly in embracing equity. Several others, one of the country, has been dismissed from his post, allegedly owing to disagreement with local leaders. Performance was MILITANT and the refusal to accept the orders of the field national committee. Finally, such abjecting a commander in the field national committee to sign to have agreed to leaders with international friends.

It is noted that the general situation in the field is such that militancy, the mobility of the forces, the lack of a central command and the lack of a common program make it impossible for the United States to have a significant impact on the number of persons who are engaged in the struggle. The United States is not in a position to have a significant impact on the number of persons who are engaged in the struggle.

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It is reported that some 150 Jewish workers during the war in Russia, are being hospitalized in the Eastern zone of Western Germany. According further notes that other hospitals of Western Germany.

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